

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 WARSAW 05070 051715Z

64

ACTION EB-07

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 H-02 L-03 /025 W

----- 085774

R 051534Z AUG 75

FM AMEMBASSY WARSAW

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6521

INFO USDOC WASHDC

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE WARSAW 5070

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, ESTC, PL

SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY: THE A. EPSTEIN COMPANIES, INC.

1. CONGRESSMAN DAN ROSTENKOWSKI TELEPHONED ME JULY 30 TO SAY THAT ONE OF THE EPSTEIN BROTHERS (PRESUMABLY, SIDNEY) HAD VISITED HIM TO ASK FOR HELP. MR. EPSTEIN SAID THAT POLIMEX-CEKOP WAS HOLDING BACK PROGRESS PAYMENTS WHICH ARE DUE THE COMPANY AND THAT EFFORTS BY THE COMPANY TO ARRANGE A DISCUSSION WITH RESPONSIBLE POLISH OFFICIALS HAD LET TO NO RESULT. (ACCORDING TO THE CONGRESSMAN, ONE POLISH OFFICIAL SPECIFICALLY IN QUESTION IS EMIL KOLODZIEJ, MINISTER OF THE FOOD INDUSTRY AND OF PROCUREMENT.) THE CONGRESSMAN SAID, SINCE MR. EPSTEIN'S FIRM IS A CHICAGO ONE, HE WANTED MY ADVICE AS TO WHAT HE COULD DO TO HELP THE COMPANY. I TOLD HIM I WAS AWARE OF THE PROBLEM (SIDNEY EPSTEIN HAD BRIEFED ME ON IT ON JUNE 18, BUT HAD THEN SAID THAT IT WAS NOT NECESSARY FOR THE EMBASSY TO UNDERTAKE ANY ACTION). I SAID I WOULD CHECK HERE AND LET HIM KNOW THIS WEEK WHAT I THOUGHT HE MIGHT DO.

2. I DISCUSSED THE QUESTION ON JULY 31 WITH AMBASSADOR TRAMPCZYNSKI, WHO SEEMED CONCERNED, BOTH BECAUSE HE WISHES TO MAINTAIN GOOD WORKING RELATIONS WITH THE EPSTEIN COMPANY AND, EVEN MORE, BECAUSE HE HAS A VERY HIGH OPINION OF CONGRESSMAN ROSTENKOWSKI. TRAMPCZYNSKI SAID HE WOULD TRY TO LOOK INTO THE PROBLEM BEFORE RETURNING TO WASHINGTON. I ASKED HIM TO LET ME KNOW, IF HE COULD, WHAT HE LEARNED.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 WARSAW 05070 051715Z

3. TRAMPCZYNSKI PLANNED TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON
AUGUST 5 AND I ASSUME HE HAS LEFT WARSAW.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE INFORM CONGRESSMAN
ROSTENKOWSKI THAT I BROUGHT THE PROBLEM TO THE ATTENTION
OF AMBASSADOR TRAMPCZYNSKI, WHO PROMISED TO LOOK INTO
IT. I RECOMMEND THAT THE CONGRESSMAN GET IN TOUCH WITH
TRAMPCZYNSKI TO FIND OUT WHAT HE WAS ABLE TO LEARN HERE.
INFORM HIM THAT I AM TO VISIT ONE OF THE PLANTS EPSTEIN
IS BUILDING ON AUGUST 6. I EXPECT TO SEE SIDNEY EPSTEIN
THEN AND WILL DISCUSS THE PROBLEM WITH HIM. ADDITIONALLY,
ONE OF KILODZIEJ'S DEPUTIES, VICE MINISTER STANISLAW OCHAB,
IS SCHEDULED TO BE THERE. IF SIDNEY EPSTEIN WISHES, I
CAN RAISE THE MATTER WITH HIM.

5. FOLLOWING THIS VISIT, I WILL LET CONGRESSMAN
ROSTENKOWSKI KNOW WHAT ELSE HE MIGHT DO.
DAVIES

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: TRADE COMPLAINTS, US CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS, STRATEGIC TRADE CONTROLS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 05 AUG 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: greeneet
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975WARSAW05070
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750270-0375
From: WARSAW
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750879/aaaacsig.tel
Line Count: 79
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EB
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: greeneet
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 10 JUN 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <10 JUN 2003 by izenbei0>; APPROVED <20 OCT 2003 by greeneet>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
06 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY: THE A. EPSTEIN COMPANIES, INC.
TAGS: ETRD, ESTC, PL, A EPSTEIN CO INC
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006